

Robinson G. Jones

News From The Launchpad



Upcoming Events

- Sept 10-13 Scholastic Book Fair
- Sept 12 Early Release @ 11:20 a.m.
Open House from 6-8 p.m.
- Sept 14 No School for Pre-K & K students ONLY

Free Produce beginning at 11:30 a.m. in the RGJ lot
- Sept 20 Fathers Walk & Program
- Sept 21 Chat & Chew Parent Meeting @ 8:30 a.m. ALL ARE WELCOME!
- Sept 27 "Make your Smile Count" Sealant Program for 3rd grade

Art House Afterschool begins, 3-4 p.m.

Message from Principal Melissa Watts

As principal of RG Jones, it is my pleasure to welcome everyone back for another great year at RGJ. We are all excited to have our scholars back in our classrooms and hallways filling them with energy and enthusiasm for learning. It is our mission to help every child feel welcomed, connected, and a part of our Robinson G. Jones family. Additionally, we strive to challenge each student to grow in his or her academic abilities.

At RGJ we have great teachers who spend hours planning and creating classroom activities to engage our scholars in learning. Our teachers utilize research-based best practices and analyze academic data to determine current skill levels and to set goals for growth and improvement. I am honored to serve as the principal of Robinson G. Jones. It is truly a privilege to be a part of this community where parents, teachers and students care for each other and strive to build positive relationships that support academic and social growth.

Once again, welcome back! Let's make this another successful year in RGJ together!



The Leader in Me

Habit 1: Be Proactive®

I am a responsible person. I take initiative. I choose my actions, attitudes, and moods. I do not blame others for my wrong actions. I do the right thing without being asked, even when no one is looking.



Homeroom News: *Featuring K, 1st & 3rd*

Kindergarten

Mrs. Whitmer, Mrs. Westfall, and Mr. Wroblewski are the teachers for two kindergarten homerooms. All of our kindergarten scholars are quickly learning the routines and procedures for being a leader in class. They are busy working on writing their names, following rules, learning to read and The 7 Habits. Each kindergarten class welcomes parent volunteers, if interested, please contact Mrs. Hatgas, our Site Coordinator, for more information.

First Grade

The 1st grade staff of Mrs. DeCrane, Mrs. Hubbell, and Ms. Williams are very excited for the upcoming school year. As a grade level, students are focusing on the Leader in Me, with the 7 Habits to establish leadership skills and personal accountability. In class, they are also practicing handwriting and short vowel sounds in reading on a daily basis. For math, students are working on addition and subtraction strategies as well as how to solve story problems.

Third Grade

Third grade is primarily focused on ensuring all scholars are able to pass the Third Grade Reading Guarantee (TGRG). Ohio's TGRG is a program to identify students in K-3 that are behind in reading. Help and support is provided to make sure students are on track for reading success by the end of 3rd grade. Policy guidance, instructional tools, and resources are also available. For information specific to your child, be sure to connect with Mrs. St. John, Mrs. Buchanan, or Mrs. Cassidy.

Welcome to "Leader In Me"

Each new school year brings opportunities for academic growth and growth in all areas of development. Although children must be knowledgeable when they graduate, they must also be healthy, engaged, responsible and caring people. Leader in Me provides R.G. Jones with the vision and language to lead in a way that addresses all areas of development. As each child discovers and develops his or her unique gifts and talents, they are given opportunities to lead. As leaders, they become active, engaged partners in their own education and their self-confidence, responsibility and initiative grows. Students quickly understand the benefits of different gifts and talents; learn to listen to new ideas, work together to achieve results and motivate one another to be the best. We hope your children enjoy sharing these new opportunities at school and home. Together, we will watch each and every child grow throughout the year.

Rocket Pride: August Students of the Month

Each month, our teachers have the opportunity to recognize scholars for exemplary behavior, academic progress and/or demonstrated effort in academics. With just a few weeks of school underway, a total of 17 scholars were awarded "Student of the Month" status for August. These students are: Adrew Abel, Joshua Abdallah, Jefry

Adames, Mais Alsaeed, Amirah Bonner, Astrid Feliciano, Makiyah Hendricks, Jaydan Johnson, Raheem Jones, Aubrey Lovejoy, Savannah Myers, Deangelo Reeves, James Riddle, Jasmine Samuels, Izabella Sorokina, Maya Stark, Muzhda Taj, Jose Toledo, Riley Valverde, and Gregory Yearout.





The Coordinator's Corner

Parents/Caregivers: Please join us Friday, September 21st at 8:30 a.m. for our first Chat & Chew Meeting.

We will be discussing how the school can support you and how you can support the school.

All Parents/Caregivers are welcome!

Scouting is now open to both boys and girls in 1st-5th grades! Scouts meet weekly on Mondays beginning September 10th from 3-4 p.m. at the school. For more information or to join Pack #455, please contact Julia Hearne at 216.458.8905. Enrollment forms will also be sent home!

Art House will be hosting "Day of the Dead" Costume Workshops on Thursdays from 3-4 p.m. at the school. The workshops are open to students in 3rd-5th grade and participants are invited to march in the Day of the Dead Parade on November 3rd at Cleveland Public Theater. Please contact Mrs. Hatgas at 216.838.6775 for more information or to request an enrollment form.

John Marshall High School is seeking volunteer tutors to help with math, science, English and social studies for after-school and/or Saturday mornings starting September 10th. Teaching experience is not required. For more information, contact Monisa Mason at Monisa.Mason@ClevelandMetroSchools.org

There will be a dedication of the John West House as a Cleveland landmark on Saturday, Sept. 15th at 11 a.m. at 3684 W. 138th St. and will also feature a presentation about John West and his significance in West Park's history. For more information call 664-2942.

A Neighborhood Housing Clinic will offer information from different agencies about: tenant rights, landlord rights, nuisance neighbors, assistance for homeowners, health conditions, and more. The clinic will be held Weds, Oct. 17th from 6 to 8 p.m. at Christ United Methodist. For more information call Jolisa Gonzalez at 216.664.6927.

The Neighborhood Education Committee, NEC, will be meeting Tuesday, September 11th at 6:30 p.m. at BPDC. All are welcome as we seek to strengthen the ties between our schools and the community!



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Strategies for Success






RGJ is so excited to introduce you to our new writing strategy called the R.A.C.E.S framework. Each letter of the acronym will help students formulate paragraphs independently. Writing is a huge portion of your child's state test score and also a connection to reading comprehension. It has been proven that if students write about what they are reading it increases their comprehension by 80%.

***PRO TIP:** Help your child build their reading comprehension and writing skills by asking about R.A.C.E.S at home!*

R	RESTATE THE QUESTION Restate or reword the question and turn it into a statement.
A	ANSWER THE QUESTION What is being asked? Answer ALL parts of the question.
C	CITE THE SOURCE Tell where you found examples and details in the text. in paragraph 2... The text states... The author says...
E	EXPLAIN YOUR RESPONSE Give evidence from the text to support your answer. Add your thoughts. For example... This shows... This means... I believe...
S	SPELLING , Capitalization, and Punctuation is correct in your response.



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Important Upcoming Dates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mon-Thurs, September 10-14 – Scholastic Book Fair in Gym • Wednesday, September 12 – Open House from 6-8 p.m. (Early Dismissal @ 11:20 a.m.) • Friday, September 14 – Free Produce Distributed in RGJ Parking Lot starting at 11:30 a.m. • Thursday, September 20 – Father’s Walk & Program • Friday, September 21 – Chat & Chew Parent Meeting 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. in Media Center • Monday, October 8 – No School for all students 				
3 Labor Day – No School	4 Girls Volleyball Tryouts, 3-4 p Happy Birthday, Ms. Tokar!	5 Girls Volleyball Tryouts, 3-4p America SCORES Programming Begins	6 National Read A Book Day! 	7 
10 Scholastic Book Fair Scouting Begins	11 Scholastic Book Fair	12 Scholastic Book Fair Early Dismissal, 11:20 a Open House, 6-8 p	13 Scholastic Book Fair	14 No School for Pre K & K Free Produce in RGJ lot, 11:30 a Happy Birthday, Mrs. Hurrellbrink!
17 Happy Birthday, Mrs. Whitmer & Mrs. Terranova!	18 National Cheeseburger Day! 	19 National Talk Like a Pirate Day! 	20 Fathers Walk & Program, 8:30 a	21 Chat & Chew Parent Meeting, 8:30 a
24 National Punctuation Day! 	25 5 th Grade Field Trip to “Connections to Africa” @ CLE Zoo Happy Birthday, Ms. Arena!	26 Bus Evacuation Drill, 10 a	27 “Make Your Smile Count” Sealant Program for 3 rd Grade, 8:45 a Art House “Day of the Dead” Workshops begin, 3-4 p	28 K Field Trip to Patterson’s Fruit Farm Happy Birthday, Mrs. Reid!

City hiring crossing guards

The Cleveland Division of Police is taking applications for school crossing guards.

The city is responsible for hiring crossing guards. Applicants can be referred by Cleveland City Council members or contact the Cleveland police.

Crossing guards help children safely cross streets to get to their public, parochial and charter schools, typically working from 7 to 8 a.m. and 2 to 3 p.m. on school days.

“Crossing guards serve an important function in our community by keeping its most valued asset safe – our children,” said Mayor Frank G. Jackson. “Adults looking to give back to the community or who enjoy working with children are encouraged to apply.”

The guards are paid \$20.50 a day and are eligible for health care through the city. About 40 of 400 crossing guard positions are available.

Applicants are encouraged to get a referral from their council member’s office. To locate and contact your councilperson go to <http://www.clevelandcitycouncil.org/find-my-ward>. They also may contact the Division of Police at 216-623-5577.



Some of the employment requirements include:

- A high school diploma or GED
- Completed criminal background check
- A successfully completed drug test

After being hired, new crossing guards must attend an orientation and training session.

CMSD parents can take free college courses

Parents and caregivers of CMSD students can take free Cuyahoga Community College courses at District sites.

Introduction to College will be offered from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Tuesdays for 14 weeks, starting Sept. 11, at Glenville High School, 650 E. 113th St.

The course, worth one credit, will familiarize students with Tri-C’s programs, services and policies. Topics may include student resources, college and student expectations, academic support services, financial aid, degree programs and student rights and responsibilities.

Two other courses, Personal Development, taught at Harvey Rice PreK-8 School, and Introduction to Business, offered at Almira PreK-8 School, are full.

CMSD and Tri-C will offer courses again in the spring. This is the second year for the classes.

For more information or to register, go to <https://bit.ly/2wkEihe>



Flu shots to be offered in schools

Students can receive free flu shots at CMSD schools this fall.

A private company, Healthy Schools, will have teams of nurses give the shots over a period of four weeks, starting on or about Oct. 10.

The immunizations will be free for all students ages 4 or older, though Healthy Schools will bill insurance companies if families have coverage.

Parental consent is required. The company has begun distributing consent forms.

The schools' faculty and staff can also receive free shots but must have insurance.

Healthy Schools will provide the vaccinations in all CMSD schools, except for some where the service is already available.



Follow your school on social media



Keep up on the good things happening at your schools by following the school on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram.

More than half of CMSD schools have social media accounts that you can check for news, photos and more. Find a list at <http://www.clevelandmetroschools.org/CMSDsocialmedia>

You can also follow the District on Facebook at [facebook.com/clevemetrosd](https://www.facebook.com/clevemetrosd), on Twitter [@CLEMetroSchools](https://twitter.com/CLEMetroSchools), on Instagram at [instagram.com/clevelandmetroschools](https://www.instagram.com/clevelandmetroschools) and YouTube at [youtube.com/cmsdcommunications](https://www.youtube.com/cmsdcommunications).

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